



## **Activity 1: Getting to the Root of Performance Issues**

**Directions:** In small groups, discuss the possible reasons behind the following scenarios, each based on data from Fast Facts, data workbooks, or other data sources. Then decide what you would do to: (1) test your assumptions about the root cause(s) of the problem and (2) consider what additional data—qualitative or quantitative—you would need to better understand the issue(s).

- 1. Data reports for your program indicate that Hispanic or Latino students have a lower high school completion rate than students of other ethnicities.**
- 2. Cross tabulations of reading achievement indicate that students in one detention facility are performing significantly more poorly than students in another detention facility.**
- 3. Data show that male students are earning high school diplomas at a lower rate than female students in a program.**